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The Peaceful Reign of A Thousand Years – S. W. LATIMER, Gen. Overseer

"And this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Jer. 23: 6. When the Lord our Righteousness shall come to reign on earth He will bring peace and joy to every nation and all sin will be destroyed. Therefore Jeremiah calls Him the Lord our Righteousness. The nations of the world are disturbed and they can find no way to solve their problems. Prophecy in the Bible describes the condition that the world is in today and I am sure we will have no peace until Jesus comes and brings it. The new system that He will bring will bring freedom and joy to every soul. The oppression of sin will be lifted and all transgressions come to an end and we will have a new system of government and every nation will be ruled by this new system. It will not be hard to be understood, as all those who will take a part in this great righteous government will receive their instructions from the Lord our Righteousness.

There will be no change in the physical earth. The seas, the rivers, the mountains and plains will remain the same. Those who dwell with Jesus and aid Him in this glorious kingdom will be among the raptured saints and also the 144,000 Jews that are sealed by the Lord in the middle of the tribulation week and are kept alive on earth during that awful trouble known as Jacob's trouble, will surely aid the Master in His great reign of peace and righteousness. I am sure the ships will be coming in from every nation and the shouts of peace and joy will be heard as they sail into port after the devil and all his powers are subdued. There will be no rebellion in this great government. At the beginning and throughout the entire thousand years' reign all will be obedient and the glory of God will rest on every nation. At the very end of the thousand years Satan will be loosed for a little season and will go up on the breadth of the earth and compass the camp of the saints, Rev. 20:7-9, but they will be devoured with fire from heaven and all will go into the lake of fire. This is one time that all transgressors will be destroyed. The Volshevists, the wets, the racketeers, the gangsters, and all atheistic powers will be overthrown, and everybody else who is bad. Only that that remains will be good. Of course all the hosts of heaven will come with Jesus to reign and the sheep nations or the remnants of the nations whose governments and principles are based on the Bible and righteousness, will be spared. Matt. 25:32, 51.

We are sure that the sheep nations will till the earth and carry on the commercial affairs under the reign of peace and joy. All insects and destroyers of crops, storms and earthquakes will have been done away with. There will be nothing to hurt or destroy in the whole earth, for righteousness will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. While the earth with all of its governments and powers is putting forth every effort to redeem itself and to bring back prosperity, it will only come in its fulness when the Lord our Rignteousness appears to reign a thousand years.

It is said that the nations across the sea hate one another and great preparation is being made for war and for the destruction of human life. These are the sure fulfillments of prophecy and I am sure this confusion and strife will increase until Jesus returns. Of course He will catch His bride away seven years before He sets up His peaceful reign. We can imagine the ships sailing on the ocean with no fear of storm or disaster, nothing to destroy human life, the beautiful dawn of the morning with its peace, love and calmness; the noonday with its joy and gladness and thousands of happy hearts without a care; there will be no struggle for financial support but everything will be provided. All commerce and industry will be safely managed by those whom the Lord may appoint to aid Him in this great work. We can hardly imagine the glory of this wonderful time. I am sure it is not far away. There will be no saying by those who meet you at the

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June Report. Oph

NOTICES

Notice to Sunday Schools in Florida: Please send in your Sunday School reports promptly. Fill out the card completely so I will have a correct report on my record book. See that the offerings are tithed and sent to E. J. Boehmer, 2524 Gaut St., Cleveland, Tenn. It was agreed in camp meeting that each Sunday School send an offering to the state superintendent for the printing and mailing of the report cards and this is to be done within thirty days. As soon as a new school is organized please report to me. Free literature for the first quarter of the new schools. Let's do our best.—H. L. Chesser, state superintendent, 937 N. Ohio Ave., Lakeland, Fla.

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To whom it may concern: I have the Holy Ghost and have felt the call to preach (have been preaching some for a year), also play the guitar and uke and sing. Would like to join with an evangelist as helper. I am thirty-four years old and belong to the Church of God at Rainbow, Ohio. I received salvation under Brother T. F. Blackwell's preaching, who is now in Jellico, Tenn. — Your brother in Christ, D. L. Davenbarger, Rt. 2, Stockport, Ohio.

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The Church of God at Cold Springs wants to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Rhodell Kilgore. If not heard from by our next conference your name will be dropped from the roll. — Mary Barnes, clerk, Rt. 1, Van Alstyne, Texas.

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We want to begin a revival here near Lincoln, Tenn., Aug. 15 and want a real Holy Ghost man who is not afraid to pray for the sick. I will take care of you. We will use the schoolhouse or a brush arbor. Write me if you are interested in the lost souls here.—Lee Swinford, Rt. 2, Hazel Green, Ala.

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In June 23 issue of the Evangel there was a report from a sister at Hattiesburg, Miss., in which she stated that they did not have a church house. She meant to say there was no church house at Richburg, Miss., not Hattiesburg.

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To those planning to attend the state convention at Pratt City, Ala., July 19-22: We will have the state tent stretched on the ground somewhere near the church; those who have camping outfits bring them along and let's camp under the tent and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. I have been advised by our state overseer to make this statement.—Humbly, Earl Brewer.

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The Sunday School convention which is to convene at Patetown, N. C. will be the fifth Sunday in July.—Humbly, D. H. Delk.

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The revival spirit is on in West Florida. We have had five revivals with seventy-two saved, somewhere in forty sanctified, and a goodly number received the Holy Ghost. Twelve were baptized in water and twenty-five came into the church, including a preacher and his wife and some more of the family. We are to begin another revival at the Church of God, 10th and Garden St., Pensacola, Fla., the first Sunday in July. Pray for us that God will be in our midst and much and lasting good will be accomplished.—John H. Jones, district pastor.

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The Church of God at Ludville, Ga., will have a home coming the fifth Sunday in July. Every one is invited to bring a basket of dinner and come expecting a good time in the Lord. Each member is expected to be present with a good testimony and 40c on the general indebtedness. We are expecting some good preachers to be with us. Everybody come.—Thad Puckett, pastor.

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I have a small gospel tent made of eight-ounce white duck, hip roof style, well roped, with thirty-three feet of side walls, size about 22x33. It will seat about 200 people. If you are interested in buying, I will sell it cheap for cash. Write me at once.—Your brother in Christ, Virgil Hooks, Douglasville, Ga.

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We are in a wonderful revival at West Gastonia, N. C., with Brother Ed Johnson of Lexington doing the preaching. Come and be with us.—C. M. Dunn, pastor.

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The Church of God at Anderson, S. C. will have a home coming and basket dinner Sunday July 8 and dedicate the new part of their church as we have built the church larger. Also the Anderson Sunday School convention is to meet here the same day. We are expecting a great day with many things from the Lord. Our state overseer and state superintendent of Sunday Schools are expected to be with us on that day. There will also be lots of good music so be sure and come. —G. W. Cooper, pastor.

REQUESTS

Pray for my brother and three sisters to receive the Holy Ghost so we will meet our mother in heaven. Pray for me to get closer to the Lord.—Nevie Henry, Lindale, Ga.

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Please pray a special prayer for us to have a real revival at Flint. After leaving Grand Ledge we came to Flint and found the saints on fire for God. Brother Turner has up a large three-pole tent as the church would not hold the crowd. Wife preached the first night and God came on the scene. People came from all directions, with about two hundred in the tent and about that many on the outside. About twenty or more made their way to the altar. Pray for this meeting that God will save many souls.—Your brother, Orion L. Alewine, Flint, Mich.

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Please pray that God will heal my nephew of T. B., also save him. Pray that he will heal my niece, my thirteen-year-old girl and me of pellagra, and save and heal my great niece of typhoid fever. Pray that He will heal my little girl's eyes and save her. Pray that a way will be provided for us to be able to attend church.—Your sister in Jesus, Mrs. E. H. Rivers, Rt. 1, Ruby, S. C.

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We are in the midst of a soul-stirring revival in North Gadsden. The Lord is blessing. Pray for the lost.—Earl Brewer, 722 Spring St., Gadsden, Ala.

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I am requesting prayer as I know the Lord has called me to preach. This is a hard place. We have services in people's homes. Pray much me and my family.—J. B. Safford. Rt. 1, Hawkins, Texas.

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Pray that we might be strong in the Lord, also that we can get back close to a Church of God so we can attend services. I am hun-

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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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In The Last Days - Apostasy

Lawrence A. Cowing

God in His infinite mercy and goodness has inaugurated a definite and blessed plan whereby fallen and sinful man may find his way back to the Father's bosom. It would hardly seem necessary to re-state that plan or doctrine in any article that might be written to God's real sheep, with the open Bible constantly in their possession, backed by the continual preaching of the Word under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. And yet, that same Word says, "There shall come a falling away" (apostasy). Just what is the kernel, so to speak, of this foretold apostasy? In simple words, it is the denial of the all-sufficient power of the blood of Christ alone, to save and cleanse from all sin and sins. The Word says, "There shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them."

We who are saved and sanctified have been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, bought and paid for by a price beyond man's power to grasp or realize. In Eph. 2:8, 9 we read, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of your selves; it is the gift of God, NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast." How long the apostasy had been creeping in before the Church of Rome came upon the scene, I am not prepared to say. I have never spent much time in the study of the visible church of secular history, my time has been too precious for that. But I do know that in this one cardinal point—the substitution of good works for the Holy Ghost—lies the great gulf that separates her from the true Church of God, and brands her as apostate.

Protestantism, so-called, which has gradually developed into a Babel of isms (and today in its modern mold, is far removed from God's plan and pattern), has fallen upon the same stumbling-stone, and leaving the Holy Ghost completely out of its program, loudly proclaims good works as the means of salvation. The gospel of "do" is heard upon every hand; and uplift of the social order, humanitarianism, child welfare and eugenics, are being taught, and the old-time doctrine of justification by faith, sanctification by the blood of Jesus, and power and glory as obtained alone through the Holy Ghost, are either denied or sneeringly put aside. And yet, as plain as this is to every member of the body of Christ, we find the same things stealing into God's Church in these last awful days. There is now, and ever has been, but one way to Heaven, and to a place in the Kingdom, and it is The Way of Holiness, a spiritual way as opposed to the way of man's own efforts. Man can and must repent, believe, accept; but God thru supernatural power must transform man into a spiritual being, who walks alone by faith and is led on to the final goal by the Holy Ghost. We are exhorted to "strive to enter in;" "cleanse ourselves from all filthness of the flesh and spirit," it is true, but we that are spiritual know that back of all this there must be the presence or producing power of the Holy Ghost or we will go down in absolute failure.

No one will ever gain Heaven or a place in the future Kingdom by his or her own good works. These must be prompted and energized by the Holy Ghost, and when we who are banded together as representatives of the Great Church of God, begin to let the WORKS-TEACHING in, right then the APOSTASY has started, and if not stamped out by the leaders and the ones in authority, it will only be the beginning of the end for our beloved church, and others who are true to the Spirit's leading will push out and separate themselves into that chosen REMNANT that God has promised to Himself, as surely as the unchanging Word of God stands.

In Isaiah's day, when the apostasy was well advanced, they said, "Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us SMOOTH things, prophesy deceits." I hurt a dear brother's feelings once by remarking upon the signs of the last days as dealt with in this word "apostasy," in connection with our own beloved church. His love and zeal for the church was so great that it blinded him to the plain facts about him, as is so often the case, but the apostasy is foretold,

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belovèd, in God's Word, and it will not do to pass it over to the Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, etc., alone. It was not foretold as regards isms and scisms, and Babylonian organizations (indeed it is this same apostasy that has produced them), but it is to take place in God's Church in the last days. Paul says, "There will come a falling away." If we are the Church of God, and I for one believe it, then apostasy is among us." Let God be true and every man a liar." and the sooner we believe the Word, and our overseers and leaders get busy, the better.

There is not a man in all the world that believes in good works any more thoroughly than I do. I have been preaching HOLINESS for over fifteen years, in church buildings, school houses, canning factories, dairy barns, empty stores, decks of ships, and on the corners of city streets from Massachusetts to Florida. I have been spit at, cursed and belittled in many places, for my plain outspoken defense of the dear OLD BOOK that we all love, and yet I have never been forced to put good works into the Gospel of grace as taught by the Apostle Paul and those others whom Jesus chose to carry on after He left for glory.

Good works are the outcome of our salvation, the natural by-product, so to speak, and will come to the sanctified person as easily and as naturally as the fruit grows on the healthy tree, and they will receive their full reward at the "Bema" of Christ, be sure of that, but to make them the means of entrance into Heaven or the rapture either one, is to give the lie not only to Bible teaching, but to the great spirit-anointed messages that have been delivered time and again in all of our ears, through the most spiritual ministers and teachers that God has given us.

Good works have their place in God's plan, but let us beware how we put them in the place of the Holy Ghost. This is Roman Catholic teaching, and when carried to its fullness, destroys the gospel message and brings in the apostasy.

The Sounding of the Seven Trumpets - Rev. 8

M. E. Drake

I have recently received a letter asking that I write on this subject. While there are others more capable of doing so, probably I will stir them to do so by trying to do my best. They will be able to see what mistakes I make and make it more interesting for those who love the Word of the Lord, so here goes.

Introductory

First, we notice Rev. 4:4, "And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment." The second verse tells us there was some one who sat on the throne. Now we have the picture seen by John—a throne and one sat on it, and twenty-four seats and twenty-four elders sitting clothed in white raiment and on their heads crowns of gold. There was lightnings and thunderings proceeding from the throne, and voices .There were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. Before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal. Notice, John sees this sea again in Rev. 15:2, "And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire," etc.

Throne

"And in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind," Rev. 4:6. The 7th verse explains the likeness of the beasts. These four beasts rest not day nor night, saying, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come." Now the twenty-four elders fall down before Him that sits on the throne and worship him and cast their crowns before him, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

God and His Son

Chapter five. "I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals." We read of other sealed books that were to be revealed later in the last days, of which we may write more about at a later date. John now sees a strong angel, probably Gabriel or Michael, as these are two of the archangels, proclaming with a loud voice. "Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?" Who? My brother, of all that have stood true—Abraham, Job, Isaac, Paul, Stephen, and many others who gave their lives for the gospel's sake—there wasn't a man found in heaven nor in earth, neither under the earth, who was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

Who Then

"And one of the elders saith unto me (John), Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda." "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Behold the man! Behold—it sounds so good to me, how I like to behold Him. Probably you beheld Him as the lamb, now behold Him as a lion.You have known Him as only a man and then as a lamb, when He was before His persecutors, but now look, He is the King of kings. Hallelujah to the Son of the living God. "Behold the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof."

The Lion of the Tribe of Judah

Gen. 49:8-12, "Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion ,and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The sceptre shall not depart from Judah (sceptre meaning royal power), nor a lawgiven from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his foal unto the vine, and his ass' colt unto the choice vine (type of blood); he washed his garments in wine ,and his clothes in the blood of grapes. His eyes shall be red with wine, and his teeth white with milk."

Balaam, after his eyes were opened and he was in a trance, said these words of prophecy, "I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out

of Israel (Jacob of whom came Judah, the old lion of whom came the young lion), and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly. Out of Jaocb shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city," Num. 24:17-19.

Matt. 2:6, "And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

This should be satisfactory proof that the Lion of the tribe of Judah is the Son of God.

The Roaring of the Lion

Amos 3:4, "Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?" V. 8, "The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?"

Psa. 104:21, "The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God."

Jer. 25:30-33, "Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The Lord shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground."

Joel 3:16-18, "The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall be no strangers pass through her any more. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim."

Now back to the fifth chapter of Revelation, v. 6, 7, "In the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne." A plain statement that Jesus, the Lamb, the Lion, the man, is not God but the Son of God as recorded in Luke 1:35. The beasts and elders fall down before the Lamb having every one of them harps and golden vials full of the odors, which are the prayers of the saints, and then a new song is sung, saying, that He (Jesus) was worthy to take the book and to open the seals because He had been slain, and redeemed them to God by His blood out of every kindred, tongue, people, and nation, and had made them kings and priests, and that they shall reign on the earth.

Now hear the number of the beasts, elders, and angels: 10,000 times 10,000, and thousands of thousands. Think of all this number saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing." Then every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth, in the sea, was heard saying, "Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth on the throne (Who? God.), and unto the Lamb (Jesus) for ever and ever."

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ORPHANAGE REPORT

CASH RECEIPTS FOR JUNE, 1934
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S. S. Thonatossa, Fla. $2.69; S. S. Montgomery, Ala. 80c; S. S. Lavonia, Ga. 24c; S. S. Washington, N. C. 64c; S. S. Lowe, W. Va. 89c; S. S. Garrison, W. Va. $1.07; S. S. Lepanto, Ark. $1.82; S. S. South Gastonia, N. C. $2.27; S. S. Dillon, S. C. $1.08; S. S. Shamrock, Tex. 49c; S. S. Thomasville, N. C. $1.21; S. S. Cramerton, N. C. $4.09; S. S. Waycross, Ga. $1.10; S. S. Austinville, Va. 50c; Dayton, Tenn. $5.00; S. S. Ury, W. Va. $2.13; S.S. Lignite, N. Dak. $4.38; S. S. Eldorado, Ill. $3.58; S. S. Akron, Ohio, $6.67; S. S. Friendship, Miss. 63c; S. S. Cincinnati, Ohio, $4.96; S. S. Clinton, S. C. 67c; S. S. Jonesboro, Ala. 51c; S. S. Herring Tab., Ala. 89c; S. S. Granite Falls, N. C. 86c; S. S. Norton, Va. 76c; S. S. Oakridge, Miss. 30c; Church Alton, Fla. 47c; S. S. Hudson, Fla. 94c; S. S. McMinnville,Tenn. $8.99; Mrs. Charles Pyle, Ill. $1.12; Singing Convention, Cleveland, Tenn. $25.00; Carson Springs, Tenn. $1.32; S.S. LaBelle, Fla. $4.31; S. S. Jasper, Fla. $1.80; S. S. Docenia, Ala. 50c; S. S. Ft. Meade, Fla. 50c; S. S. Dorothy, W. Va. 40c; S. S. Toledo, Ohio, $1.07; S. S. Waresboro, Ga. 60c; S. S. Warfield, Ky. 41c; S. S. Deerfield, Va. 27c; S. S. Seaford, Del. 72c; S. S. South St. Joseph, Mo. 37c; S. S. Collinsville, Ill. 57c; S. S. Hills Grove, Pa. 73c; S. S. Gainesville, Fla. 41c; S. S. Alachua, Fla. 07c; S.S. Easton, Md. $1.63; State Convention, Md. $31.23; Addyston, Ohio, $1.52; S. S. Poplar Creek, Miss. 10c; S. S. Bowie, Tex. 22c; Church, Pleasant Hill, Ark. $2.28; S. S. Earle, S. C. 96c; S. S. Big Springs, Tex. 52c; S. S. Adamsville, Ala. $1.35; S. S. Hartwell, Ga. 17c; S. S. Greenwood, S. C. $1.38; S. S. Lando, S. C. 46c; S. S. St. Petersburg, Fla. $4.00; S. S. Wesleys Chapel, Miss. 53c; S. S. Edinburg, Tex. 34c; S. S. Pine Grove, W. Va. 08c; S. S. Lancaster, Ohio, $5.15; S. S. West St. Louis, Mo. $1.33; S. S. Stafford, Fla. $1.41; S. S. Belpre, Ohio, 27c; S. S. Statesville, N. C. $1.00; S. S. Valdese, N. C. $1.92; S. S. Zion, Ala. 61c; S. S. Monroe, La. $1.19; Kannapolis, N C. $1.27; S. S. Mooresville, N. C. $2 57; S. S. Long Beach, Calif. $2.39; S. S. Silverpoint, Tenn. 27c; S. S. Mt. Vale, Tenn. $1.92; S. S. Joseph Chapel, Miss. 84c; S. S. Eldorado, Md. 48c; S. S. Boaz, Ala. $1.26; S. S. Marked Tree, Ark. 21c; S. S. Williamsburg, Pa. $2.81; Church, Claysville, Pa. 87c; S. S. Belton, S. C. $1.94; S. S. Sulphur Springs, Fla. $2.79; S. S. Dunn, La. $4.40; S. S. Bunkerhill, S. C. 38c; S. S. Cumberland, Ky. $1.14; S. S. Trafford, Ala. $1.57; S. S. Canton, N. C. $1.81; S. S. Claysville, Tenn. $1.23; S. S. Kentwood, La. 83c; S. S. McCall, S. C. $2.76; S. S. Slater, S. C. 62c; S. S. Townsend, Tenn. $1.66; S. S. Tampa, Fla. $2.78; S. S. Beasley Chapel, Tenn. $1.16; S. S. Largo, Fla. $3.19; Church, Bald Knob, Ark. $1.60; S. S. Lake City, S. C. 50c; S. S. Myersdale, Pa. $1.62; S. S. Moorehead, Miss. 48c; S. S. Carbon, Ind. 74c; S. S. Odum, Ga. 40c; S. S. Electra, Tex. $1.21; S. S. Williston, Fla. 35c; Mollie Wilson, Tex. 10c; S. S. Joplin, Mo. 80c; S. S. Carrolton, Ga. 40c; S. S. St. Petersburg, W. Va. $1.00; S. S. Dundee, Ohio, 77c; S. S. Tarboro, N. C. 60c; S. S. Sumiton, Ala. 23c; S. S. Marvel, Ala. 28c; S. S. Conrad, N.C. $1.00; S S. Charlotte, N C. $6.35; Michigan State Convention, $26.00; S. S.

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SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

I am praising the Lord for victory just now and for the way He has blessed. We have just closed a revival at Wilcox. Brothers Pomroy and Rhodes were in charge. The Lord blessed them in giving out the Word. Souls were convicted of sin, some saved and sanctified. The church was revived. Our pastor, Brother Thompson, came over and helped us out during the revival. We had feet washing and observed the Lord's Supper. The Lord surely did bless, the Holy Ghost gave out some messages, which our pastor interpreted. The messages drew people together. Brother Abbot and little girl helped us with music and did some preaching. I feel like if Jesus tarries the church at this place will be built up this year. Hallelujah. We are having some battles to fight and are gaining some ground. Pray for us at Wilcox.—Mrs. R. P. Love.

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DILLON, S. C.—The Lord surely blessed throughout our meeting here. The building was fully seated and some were standing most of the time. The last night it was crowded. Twenty-three were saved, eighteen sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. The sermons which were delivered by Sisters Pauline Jackson and Myrtle Whitehead were surely enjoyed by the people in this town. An effort is going to be made toward enlarging the church here. We are glad of the Church of God and proud of our pastor, Rev. Odis Smith. Pray for us at Dillon.—George Sales, clerk.

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TURTLE CREEK, Pa. — We wish to give God the glory for His wonderful blessings which He has bestowed upon us in the past year. Souls have been saved, sanctified, and filled with the Blessed Holy Ghost. Just a few months ago we did not know what we were going to do to carry on our work as the men were all laid off from work and we did not have any finance with which to carry it on. We believed God and trusted in His promises and looked to Him for help. A few weeks later God laid it on a dear lady's heart to send for me to come to see her. She told me that she had a church which has not been occupied for several years and that she wanted us to have it for services. She had me sign a contract for two years' free rent, and told us to worship God according to our faith. She doesn't belong to The Church of God but God is able to bring her into the faith. We have very much for which we can praise and thank the Lord.

We ask all the saints who read this to co-operate with us in prayer that God will stir this little town up that souls will be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Our new location is just about two miles from here at Hammondsville, Ohio. — Your brother, Brother Grubbs.

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JESUP, Ga.—I praise the Lord for the church at Blanton's Grove and for our pastor, Brother Floyde. He is a good man and an upbuilder to the church. We all surely do like him. We have a Y. P. E. started and it looks like it will be something great. It seems that the young people are interested in it. I praise the Lord for the ones who are so faithful to God's work. Friends, if you don't know Jesus you don't know what you are missing. Come on and seek Jesus while He is near for I believe that it will soon be where we won't have an opportunity to serve the Lord. I want to be faithful unto death that I can receive a crown of life. Please pray for me that the Lord will have His way with me and pray for the work at Blanton's Grove.—Robert Bethany, Rt. 2.

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HANNAH'S BRANCH, W. Va.—The Lord surely did pour out His wonderful power and Spirit at this little place .We ran a two weeks' revival here with Brother Roy Harry in charge. The Lord blessed him in giving out the Word. It seemed as the hearts of many were stirred. Seven were saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost. The meeting closed with many at the altar. The saints surely did work during the meeting. I ask all the Evangel readers to pray a special prayer for the healing of my body.—A sister in the dear old Church of God, Candis Toler.

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BRECKENRIDGE, Tex. — We wish to thank the dear Lord for the way He is still blessing us here. Brother J. T. Campbell, Texas state evangelist, began a meeting here Jan. 20th and continued until March 4th. The Lord was present in each service and saved five, sanctified five, and baptized three with the Holy Ghost. The church was set in order March 4th, by Bro. J. C. Atkins, Dist. Pastor, with 18 members. We are expecting Bro. Campbell back soon to start another revival so pray for us.—H. N. Creager, Clerk.

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SPARTA, Tenn.—A real old-time revival has just closed at Black Oak, Tenn., in which many were saved. We could hardly tell just how many. Quite a number were sanctified, twenty-two filled with the Holy Ghost and eighteen added to the church. The young ladies from Birmingham, Ala., Sisters Ena Bethany and Susie May McDonald, were in charge of the meeting and I believe they are as fine as I ever heard. Both are real consecrated girls. They made many friends while here who will not forget them soon. The church at Black Oak is in fine condition and we have some as good people here as there are in the world. Pray for us.—Luther A. Richard.

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TRAFFORD, Ala.—Our big revival has just closed which was conducted by Sister Maud Largin. It ran three weeks in which time twenty-four were saved, twenty-two sanctified and eighteen filled with the Holy Ghost. We feel that the good gospel seed sown while Sister Largin was here will continue to bear fruit. Sister Largin is one of the ablest preachers who has ever come to Trafford. May God bless her and her husband in carrying the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world they are God-sent and that is the kind it takes to attract the attention of sinners and put the devil to flight. —W. L. Sanders, clerk.

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MONROE, La.—I praise the Lord for our pastor, Brother O. B. Myrick and family. I also praise God for the Church of God at Monroe. It has been down in the dark valley for a long time with no shepherd but the saints kept praying and God sent us a real shepherd.

He began an old time revival and God blessed. The saints were revived and encouraged, sinners and backsliders were brought to the Lord. The church is going by leaps and bounds. Nine received the Holy Ghost, five were sanctified and a number saved. Pray for me to stand true at any cost. A sister in Christ, Mrs. Maude Harris, Gen. Del.

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STRUTHERS, Ohio.—The first part of February there was a good revival spirit in our church here so with the help of the Lord we started a revival and continued it until the last of February. We used local preachers and had wonderful success. The power of God was surely in these meetings. Two were saved, six sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. There was also two wonderful body healings. Praise the dear Lord. We ask that all who read this pray that the Struthers, Ohio, church will rise and shine more for Jesus.—Chas. Metcalf, clerk.

Suffering For Christ

By Mrs. Emma Zimmer

As near as I can remember, it was in the year 1908 we were living in Nattoon, Ill., had five children, and my husband had steady work in the railroad shops. I was saved but had never heard of sanctification nor the baptism of the precious Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4.

All went well until I began going to a full gospel tabernacle where the whole Word of God was being taught. I got so hungry for sanctification and the baptism I was determined in my heart I must receive Him at any cost, but my husband too was determined I would not if he could keep me from it. So there was a real battle for over two years. I will only speak of a few of the things I went thru the last two years. If space would permit I could tell of many things I suffered but only I hope and pray this much will help some dear brother or sister to obey God rather than man, and not give in to the opposers, for the devil would rather anything else would happen than for God's children to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost in their lives. He uses our loved ones to oppose us, knowing it is harder for us to go thru and stand firm when our loved ones oppose us than any one else, but, dear ones, let's stand firm and go thru in spite of the devil. If we stand true to God our opposers will come our way when they see they can't hinder us, but if we listen to them both will be lost. Oh, we must not give up no matter how much we suffer, but thru our suffering they will finally be saved if we stand "steadfast and unmovable," 1 Cor. 15:58, for has He not said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house?" Acts 16:31.

My husband would say, "Em Zimmer, I'll take you to hell. I'll take you to hell if that's the last thing I ever do. I'll take you to hell." I would say "Papa, you can't for my life is hid with Christ in God and you can't touch it. Oh, you can kill this old body if you want to but you can't touch me." How angry he would get. I would tell him, "Papa, I am willing to obey you in anything else you ask me, but there's one thing you can't do, you can't come between me and God." "O yes, you love him better than you do me." Yes, he was jealous of the Lord. I would say, "Yes, I love the Lord, He comes first and you next, for He died for me." He would not allow a Christian to come on the place, except my mother, and he would hardly speak to her because she was a Christian. I'm not sure but I think about four years before this I was healed of T. B. Oh, bless the Lord. He has been so good to me, so much better than I deserve.

I had hemorrhages of the lungs for several years. The doctors all gave me up and said I might live till the leaves began to fall. I was almost a skeleton, but would not give up and go to bed on account of my little children. I sat in the rocker all night one night, felt almost sure I would choke to death before morning. I waked my husband and asked him if I could send our son to the telephone and ask the church to pray for me. I knew if he telephoned our pastor he would call all the saints to pray. He said, "Do you want a doctor?" But I had found a better physician by this time so I told him no. "Well die then, who cares!" He did care but I was so disobedient. I would go to church. A neighbor came in the next morning and I told her what an awful night I had. She said maybe she could help me get to my pastor's not far away. By looking to God for strength we started. I did not dare call him but God understood, and imagine my surprsie when I found the saints all there by 8:00 a. m. when we got there. They said the Lord led them to come but none knew why they had come. Oh joy! My children would not be left orphans. They laid on hands and prayed for me according to Jas. 5:14 and I never had another hemorrhage, was healed on the spot. Bless His name! And I still have no lung trouble. I just felt it would glorify God to testify of my healing at that time. You ask about my husband? Well, he never mentioned it. He never did know I was prayed for, for if there was any word he hated it was the word "healing," but God understood. He knew he would be as strong for healing some day as I was.

He never allowed our children to go to play with children at their homes but they could play with neighbors' children if they kept away from our house. He threw a chair at me once. It missed me and hit our little girl and caused her to have a spell of fever. He repented bitterly for that for he loved his children. Yes, he loved me too but I was so disobedient. I would not stop going to that church. The Lord never allowed him to repeat it. He followed me one block when I started to church one night and pulled me back and I stayed at home that night. The Lord never allowed him to repeat that either. But oh dear ones, how much harder it was to go the next time. Don't give in even once for it is so much harder next time. Remember it isn't them that's fighting you, it is the devil thru them and they don't realize it. Oh how they need prayer, but brother, sister, they can't go any farther than the Lord allows them. He keeps His hands on you. He knows how you are suffering for His sake and He cares more than you think.

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THE WONDERFUL MAYAS

By J. H. Ingram

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Introduction

In my last article I gave the account of my arrival in Maya-land, Central America, including a report on the last stage of the 3,200 mile trip overland from Long Beach, Calif., so I thought something with reference to the wonderful people called the Mayas might be appreciated by our readers at this time.

The Mayas (pronounced Mahyahs) and their descendants make up the larger part of the population of the Republic of Guatemala today, and I hope to give you a report on my experiences among these primitive people at a later date, but for the time I wish to carry you in your minds into the vague past.

The Mayan Farmers

Mayan history dates back to about 200 A. D., and the Mayas themselves, who lived in the lowland country on the eastern side of Central America in what is now Guatemala, were farmers. Both men and women worked in the fields which they cleared in the tropical forest. The climate was warm and moist, and the soil was rich, so farming was easy in the Maya country. As a result of the rich crops which the fields produced, these Indians came to depend almost entirely upon agriculture for their food, and they increased in number until they became a very numerous people.

Their Religion

Because the food supply was plentiful and came easy at most any season of the year, the Mayas had time to work toward a higher and finer life. Like our Indians of the eastern forests, they were very religious, believing in both good spirits and bad. The medicine men among them increased in power and became priests. These priests led the people to a wonderful life, considering the fact everything they said and did was original with them, whereas, the average human being of our day only possesses five per cent of originality.

Under the leadership of the priests these people built great pyramids of stone and placed on top of them beautiful temples. Near these places of worship they erected other buildings of stone where the priests and nobles lived. About these temples grew up cities containing thousands, perhaps sometimes more than a hundred thousand, people. Every five years the priests and the leading men of the cities set up a great monument to mark the passing of the years and to record the events of Maya history. The priests invented writing and the faces of the monuments were carved with Maya words, a few of which can be read today. In the temples and the houses where they lived, the priests kept the books of the Mayas, three of which have been preserved. The faces of the temples and the monuments were carved with beautiful designs. The Mayas were not only artists, as the pictures painted on the walls inside their buildings go to show, but they were more. The priests watched closely the sun, the moon, and the evening star. As these moved across the sky from east to west, they carefully set down what they saw and then made a calendar which was more correct than the one used by Columbus when he sailed forth in search of this "the new world." The Aztecs of Mexico likewise invented a calendar remarkable for its accuracy. It is carved upon a rock the face of which is circular, and resembles an old-time millstone. I had hoped to see it while in Mexico City but the museum where it is kept was closed at the time of day I was there. However, I did succeed in getting a picture of it. Nations are said to be civilized when they become self-governing and their people know how to read and write their own language.

The Mayas had no horses, no cattle; they had no iron tools, yet, in spite of these handicaps which they shared with other Indians, their religious leaders brought them from a simple life like that lived by our North American tribes of the eastern forests, to a condition of living rivaling that of their civilized European conquerors. The builders of the prehistoric pyramids and temples of Egypt and Palestine doubtless had at least beasts of burden to use in their work, but not so with the Mayas, and it is mystifying when one thinks about how they piled these great stones to such heights in carrying out the building program of their day. It makes me feel like saying with the writer of Ecclesiastes, "All things are full of labor, man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing," Eccl. 1:8.

The Wandering of the Mayas

About the year 600 something happened, no one knows what, that made the Mayas flee from their cities in Guatemala. The writer after pondering over the question was just wondering if it was not the coming of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, which have since caused much damage and resulted in the loss of many lives. But be that as it may, they never returned and were wanderers for three hundred years, until they finally settled in Yucatan far to the north of their earlier home, where they again began to build stone cities.

The League of Mayapan

Eccl. 1:9 says, "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun." I would like to say a lot of things with reference to this text but space will not permit, nevertheless, study it in the light of prophecy. To say the least, our modern League of Nations is "no new thing under the sun." Life in Yucatan was like that in Guatemala. Ruling each of the cities was a great lord, almost a king. His power extended beyond the border of the city to the fields and the farm villages which lay around it. About the time of the first crusade in Europe three of the chief cities of Yucatan joined themselves together in a league called the League of Mayapan, after one of the cities. So the Mayas established a new government, more powerful than any they had known before, which kept peace among their people.

The Passing of the Maya Civilization

After about two hundred years

a great lord of the city of Mayapan arose and destroyed the league and made himself ruler over all the Mayas. After a time other cities became jealous of the ruler of Mayapan and were unwilling to live under the command of the great lord, so long and bitter wars followed. A plague of yellow fever swept the country. They lost their art and their old-time learning. So many people died of war and fever that there were not enough left to work in the fields to produce food. Less than twenty-five years before Columbus discovered America they began a second time to leave their beautiful cities behind, as they started out to wander some more. Columbus while sailing along the coast of Central America, according to history, sighted one of these rich merchants dressed in gala attire and seated in the midst of a large canoe with his merchandise piled about him, while twenty-five men busied themselves at the oars. They were bound for "the Lord only knows where." A few years later the Mayas were living in simple villages and had forgotten about the great days of their past, but their civilization had lasted more than a thousand years. Although they had forgotten what they had once known, their civilization was not lost for the Aztecs in Mexico borrowed from them many of their ways and did great things in the way of building stone cities with pyramids and temples, etc., but never reached the heights of the Mayas. The Aztec kingdom was overthrown by the Spanish forces during the conquest of Mexico. As strange as it may seem, we are turning back to the Mayan style of architecture since the Mayan temple was reproduced for the World's Fair at Chicago. Particularly is this so in the rebuilding of Long Beach, Calif. since the destructive earthquake of 1933.

Well the poor Mayas are still on the tramp, dwelling in huts of grass, bamboo, sticks, mud, etc. I see thousands of them daily, both men and women, swarming about the streets, up and down the roads, everywhere, going in a trot carrying loads upon their heads and backs that horses should bear. Poor souls, bound by superstition and in sin, waiting for some one to tell them the story of Jesus and His love.

I could say a great deal about what is being done by our missionaries here and of the prospects for other work, but I will save that for another time as I fear you will tire reading, so "adios" for the time. You will be hearing from me again, "Con favor de Dios."

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Ravenna, Ky. $1.58; S.S. Mitchells Chapel, Miss. 15c; S. S. Sevierville, Tenn. $2.00; Church, Exter, Me. $3.30; S. S. Plant City, Fla. $12.48; S. S. Boynton, Pa. 10c; S. S. Juanita, Pa. 84c; S. S. Bangor, Me. 69c; S. S. Albany, Ga. 88c; S. S. Union Grove, Ga. $1.30; S. S. Bowling Green, Ky. 55c; S. S. Cherokee Falls, Fla. $2.71; S. S. Byrds Chapel, Miss. 51c; S. S. Brownfield, Tex. 79c; S S. Frost Proof, Fla. $1.65; S. S. Warrenville, S. C. $2.42; S. S. Laurens, S. C. $4.27; S. S. Big Timber, Mont. $3.49; S. S. Iowa Park, Tex. $1.83; S. S. Selma, Ala. 23c; S. S. Hebron, N. Dak. 75c; S. S. McVeigh, Ky. $1.88; S. S. Faxon, Okla. 55c; Church, Flat Rock, N.C. 25c; S. S. Mt. Zion, Miss. $1.05; S. S. Nettleton, Ark. 21c; S. S. Perry, Okla. $1.37; S. S. Mineral Wells, Tex. 83c; S. S. Sheridan, Wyo. $1.00; S. S. Holly Grove, Ark. 07c; S. S. Clarks Chapel, Miss. 02c; Elizabethton, Tenn. 89c; High Spire, Pa. $1.63; S. S. Altoona, Ala. 62c; S. S. Coffeyville, Kans. $2.35; S. S. 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Avon Park, Fla. $1.54; S. S. Bedford, Va. $1.75; H. E. Ramsey, W. Va. $3.06; S. S. Grand Ledge, Mich. $2.12; S. S. Walbridge, Ohio, $5.42; S. S. McCowans Creek, Tenn. 58c; Church, Cambridge, Md. $5.21; S. S. Cantwell, Mo. $3.90; S. S. Lanett, Ala. $1.59; S. S. Busha Chapel, Miss. 21c; S. S. Omaha, Ark. 34c; S. S. Cliffview, Va. $1.25; S. S. Ft. Wayne, Ind. 77c; S. S. Shelburn, Ind. $1.62; S. S. Roswell, N. Mex. 50c; S. S. Boswell, Pa. $4.00; S. S. Whitwell, Tenn. $1.50; S. S. Nocatee, Fla. $3.39; S. S. Cherokee Falls, S. C. $6.80; S. S. Benton, Ill. $2.70; S. S. Augusta, Me. 48c; S. S. Billings, Mont. $1.35; S.S. Minot, N. Dak. $14.00; S. S. Wilcoe, W. Va. 51c; S. S. Fairview, Ga. 56c; S. S. Beckley, W. Va. $2.30; S. S. Big Island, Mo. $1.11; S. S. Great Falls, S. C. $1.50; S. S. Dayton, Ohio, $1.92; S. S. Brindleys Chapel, Tenn. 32c; S. S. Davin, W. Va. $2.86; S. S. Omemee, N. Dak. $3.26; S. S. Pisgah Springs, Miss. $1.22; S. S. West Buxton, Me. $1.70; S .S. Mt. Vernon, Ill. $2.61; Home Coming Day Spring Place, Ga. $2.25; S. S. Kathleen, Fla. 40c; S. S. Huntington, W. Va. $7.40; S.S. Tennelina, N. C. 60c; S. S. Phoenix, Ariz. $1.00; S.S. Salem, Va. 25c; S.S. Corona, Calif. $10.54; S. S. Chickamauga, Ga. $4.73; S. S. Mentone, Ala. 75c; S. S. Deering Chapel, Ga. 19c; S. S. Kimberly, Ala. $3.93; S. S. Shorts Creek, Va. 50c; S. S. Columbus, Ohio, $1.75; S. S. Mobridge, S. Dak. $3.74; S. S. Evening Shade, Ark. 10c; S. S. Prince Chapel, Tenn. 24c; S. S. Gaffney, S. C. $2.32; Church, and S. S. Pulaski, Va. $9.20; S. S. Buford, Ga. $1.00; S. S. Highway, Ala. $2.50; S. S. Cedar Hill, Tenn. $1.62; S. S. Clyde, N. C. $3.29; S. S. Chavies, Ala. $1.50; S. S. Kellysville, W. Va. $1.07; Maud, Okla. 40c; Donna, Tex. 74c; S. S. Sunny South, Ala. 06c; S. S. Winchester, Ky. $1.33; Church and

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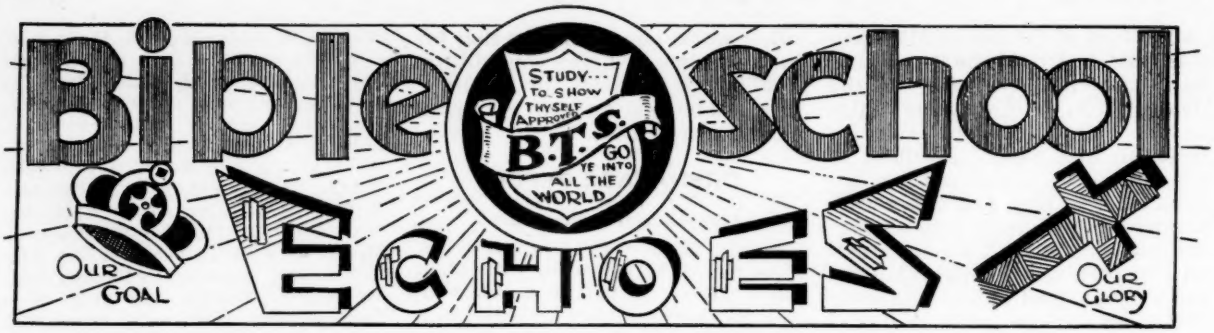

I want to say hello to all the Bible students of last term. I am sure each one is beginning to realize the full significance of the privilege of attending the school. I surely do miss the school days. I trust that each one is meeting with great success as you labor in the Master's service. I want each one to remember me in your prayers. I want to be a true follower of this great Soul Winner.

THE WORLD'S CHIEF SOUL WINNER

In this world of sin and crime there is such a great demand for soul winners. Each one should endeavor to do their best and help to bring souls to the altar of repentance. There is One whose example, spirit, messages, and doctrine, for all time, should be the standard of those seeking to bring men to God. God packed into the personality of Jesus Christ all the charms of Deity and humanity and made Him the Chief among ten thousand. He tops all winners in time and eternity. He is distinctly the world's chief Soul Winner and Evangelist. He should be our Example, our Leader. Matt. 4:19, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." If we could but realize the full meaning of following Jesus.

Prophecy set Jesus out as one to win. We find in Isaiah 59:20, "And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord." The angels brought the glad tidings of joy to the shepherds watching their flocks on the Judean hills. Simeon and Anna were given the assurance of the One who would bring salvation and peace to the world. John, the forerunner of Jesus, introduced Him as the Evangelist of the new day, saying, "One mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."

In studying the life and ministry of Jesus we are impressed with the ideal marks of evangelism in Christ. Probably the first outstanding feature is His limitless compassion for a ruined race, as shown by His words of love and mercy. We then notice Jesus' unselfish service, His holy, sinless life, His realization of man's condition, need, helplessness, and impending doom. Another important characteristic of this chief Soul Winner was His marvelous messages and teaching in parables. Jesus' preaching was always simple, illustrative, as we note from the parables of the ten virgins, the talents, the laborer in the vineyard, etc. All these mark Him as a peerless Soul Winner.

Jesus was always tender, loving, and positive, with an unfailing appeal to the highest in man. He was tender with sinners but denounced hypocrites. In the case of the Samaritan woman and Nicodemus He refused to be side-tracked but went straight to the main matter. There was no veneer or whitewash to Jesus' teaching on man's moral condition before God. Jesus had one gospel for all—the sure and only way to eternal life.

It was not the wit and humor of Jesus that has come down to us, but His tears and bloodshed. His soul ached for dying, lost men. He spared not Himself, but brought salvation by His own blood on the cross.

O! that we could be true followers of this man Jesus. Let Him be our Guide, and our Leader; follow in His footsteps and the plans He has set before us. Then and then only, can we be soul winners for Him.—A B. T. S. student, Mildred Murphree, Birmingham, Ala.

BIBLE SCHOOL IN TENNESSEE

As I travel on life's pathway
I see more clearly from day to day,
Our practical need of a Bible course,
A study of the Word, its doctrines endorse.

To learn the life and path of our Lord,
That we might attain the great reward
Which awaits us who read and pray
And follow His steps from day to day.

God needs people with more backbone,
Who'll accept the truth and leave the world alone,
And nothing better than a Bible course
Could give a preacher more spiritual force.

And may each person, boy or girl,
Before they preach to the dying world,
Attain a desire to some time be
A Bible student in Tennessee.

—D. C. Barnes, Ruskin, Fla.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT S. S. CONVENTION

On June 3 the Church of God of the Knoxville district met at Maryville for their first Sunday School convention, with Brother J. L. Goins, district pastor, in charge. The Maryville church gave us a hearty welcome and we had a great time. Talks on Sunday School, and good music by the string band, quartets, trios, duets, solos were greatly enjoyed. The next convention will be at Townsend Church of God July 1, 1934. —C. E. McLain, Knoxville Dist., S. S. Sec.

THE PEACEFUL REIGN OF A THOUSAND YEARS

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trains or the boat, "We have the best hotel." They will all be first class. But I am sure this will only be enjoyed by the sheep nations for the saints will be kept in a camp for the saints. Rev. 20:9.

It seems that the Church will take a great part in this wonderful reign of peace for it says, "They shall rule the nations with a rod of iron." There will be assigned to every order of saints some pleasant duty to perform and I am sure the 144,000 Jews are sealed by the Lord and kept alive on earth for some special purpose and I believe that purpose is to aid Jesus in carrying on the affairs of the earth among the sheep nations.

What a glorious time this will be. It is almost too good to be true and yet we are sure that it is absolutely true. The troubles and times that are on us now, and I am sure that sin and suffering and confusion and death and martyrdom, will continue until Jesus comes to reign a thousand years.

"Then shall be great tribulation. such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be. And except those days shall be shortened, there should be no flesh saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened," Matt. 24:21, 22. This refers to the great tribulation week when death and pestilences will be wholesale.

Rev. 19:11-16, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head was many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

Jer. 23:5, 6, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely."

Rev. 19:19, 20, "I saw the beast. and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive in the lake of fire burning with brimstone."

Dan. 7:27, "The kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of his kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given unto the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

Isa. 45:2, 3, "And I will go before thee, and make crooked paths straight: and I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel." Isa. 13:12, "I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the gold wedge of Ophir."

Psa. 47:6-9, "Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our king, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness .The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham: for the shields of the earth belong unto God: he is greatly exalted."

Psa. 72:2-4, "He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment; The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and little hills, by righteousness." V. 8, "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the end of the earth" V. 9. "They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him: and his enemies shall lick the dust." V. 11, "Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him. For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth, and the poor also, and him that hath no helper." V. 17, " His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: and all nations shall call him blessed."

Psa. 85:11-13, "Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps."

Psa. 102:18-21, "This shall be written for the generations to come; and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord. For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary: from heaven did the Lord behold the earth: to hear the groaning of the prisoners; and to loose those that are appointed to death; to declare the name of the Lord in Zion; and his praise in Jerusalem."

Isa. 2:2-4, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Many have taught that the first two verses of this last scripture applies to the church age but I am sure this applies to the millennial reign, and in this thousand years of peaceful reign we will have this fulfilled to the letter.

Isa. 11:2-9, "And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and shall make him of quick understanding and the fear of the Lord; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes nor reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall

smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked." I am sure this verse refers to His coming to destroy all sin and to set up everlasting righteousness. "And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins; The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together: and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Isa. 25:9, "And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Isa. 35:1-10, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come and with vengeance, even the God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes that are blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land streams of waters: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, It shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with song and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

It has been taught by many that this has taken place in the church age. I will admit that you must have the blessing in your heart and great preparation must be made for this thousand years of peace and joy, but these scriptures will be fulfilled in their entirety at the coming of Jesus, when He shall set up His peaceful reign.

Zech. 8:10-12, "Before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out and came in because of the affliction: for I set all men every one against his neighbor. But now I will not be unto the residue of this people as in the former days, saith the Lord of hosts. For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit."

Hab. 2:14, "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Please read also Isa. 54:13, 14; Zech. 2:10; Micah 42:5; Rev. 20: 4-6.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

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S. S. Erwin, N. C. $1.70; S. S. Pelzer, S.C. $2.12; S. S. Olustee, Fla. $3.00; S S. Lowell, Ohio, 25c; S. S. Jacksonville, Ala. $1.00; S. S. Uhrichsville, Ohio, $1.13; S.S. Dunlap, Tenn. $3.00; S. S. Jasonville, Ind. 86c; S. S. Sale Creek, Tenn. $1.84; S. S. Whiteside, Tenn. $3.00; S. S. Sugar Grove, Ill. $1.39; S. S. Evarts, Ky. $2.28; S. S. Beachwood, W. Va. 65c; S. S. Sesser, Ill. $5.19; S. S. Alma, Ga. $7.76; S.S. Lester, W. Va. 87c; S.S. Lewistown, Mont. $1.56; S. S. Lake City, Fla. $5.50; Miss Esther King, Ark. $1.00; S. S. Spry, W. Va. $1.45; S. S. Plaza, N. Dak. $7.70; S.S. Cherry Hill, Tex. $2.68; S. S. Brighton, Mo. 77c; S. S. Verda, Ky. $2.14; S. S. Bancroft, Tenn. 43c; S. S. Mt. Olive, Tenn. $1.93; S. S. Copper Hill, Tenn. 38c; S. S. Monclo, W. Va. $4.04; S. S. Cleveland, Tenn. $4.23; Home Coming Day Lindale, Ga. $30.02; S. S. Pine Hill, Ala. 26c; S. S. Weatherford, Tex. $1.19; S. S. Verdunville, W. Va. $10.40; S. S. Grantsville, W. Va. 74c; S. S. Wake Forest, N. C. $1.29; Mrs. James Short, Richmond, Ky. $2.00; Mrs. G. H. Crag, Mitchell, Ala. 30c; S. S. Max Meadows, Va. 42c; S. S. Adamsville, Ala. 98c; S. S. Belton, S. C. $1.31; S. S. LaFrance, S. C. 87c; S. S. Asheville, N.C. $2.63; S. S. Estatoe, N. C. 04c; S. S. Ravins Croft, Tenn. 50c; S. S. Maryville, Tenn. $2.83; S. S. Walhalla, (Town) S.C. 26c; S. S. Rockhill, S. C. $4.49; S. S. Carmi, Ill. $2.20; S. S. Salem, S. C. 28c; Church, Shannon, Ga. $1.70; S. S. Richburg, Miss. 53c; S. S. Richmondale, Ohio, $3.65; S. S. Unicoi, Tenn. $1.35; S. S. Lawton, Okla. 93c; S. S. Lexington, N. C. 94c; S. S. Hattiesburg, Miss. $1.75; S. S. Hudson, Fla. 82c; S. S. Winnsboro, S. C. 90c; S. S. Lacoochee, Fla. $4.01; S. S. Thonatossa, Fla. 49c; S. S. Bogalusa, La. 36c; S. S. Johnston City, Ill. $3.15; S. S. Ft. Green, Fla. $7.24; Church, Coalmont, Ind. 80c; S. S. LaBelle, Fla. 20c; S. S. Mt. Zion, Miss. $1.50; S. S. Kennedy, Ala. 10c; S. S. Thornton, Ky. $1.87; S. S. Ethel, W. Va. 56c; S. S. Somerset, Ky. $8.42; Icard, N. C. $1.93; Church, Charleston, S. C. $3.51; S. S. Joliet, Mont. $3.00; S. S. Thomasville, N. C. $1.29; S.S. Clinton, S. C. 43c; S. S. Kannapolis, N.C. $1.28; S. S. Ft. Mill, S. C. $1.26; S. S. Largo, Fla. $2.75; Church, Chapman, Ala. 36c; S. S. Middletown, Ohio, $2.41; S. S. Kinsers Tab., Tenn. $1.00; S. S. Gasparilla, Fla. $7.80; S. S. Hills Grove, Pa. $1.00; S. S. Lignite, N. Dak. $3.97; S. S. Dunseith, N. Dak. $3.20; S. S. Salem, W. Va. $4.54; S. S. Pittsburg, Kans. $5.00; S. S. Miami, Fla. $16.22; S. S. Urbana, Ill. $5.78; Crown Hill, W. Va. $1.33; S. S. Chauncey, Ill. 90c.

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CHURCHES OVER THE TOP IN 40c DRIVE

Bauxite, Ark.; Consul, Sask., Canada; Kentwood, La.; High Spire, Pa.; Sale Creek, Tenn.; Iowa Park, Tex.; Willis Point, Tex.; Clarksburg, W. Va.

SOMERSET, PA. DISTRICT CONVENTION

The annual Somerset district convention convened at Boswell, Pa., May 4-6 inclusive with an unusually large crowd in attendance. All services were held in the Boswell high school auditorium with our state overseer, Brother H. W. Poteat, presiding, assisted by Brother Rolla Muncy and an able corps of workers. Nearly five hundred were fed and cared for on the last day and a wonderful spirit of unity prevailed.

The presence of the Holy Ghost in the services was very noticeable and we believe the Church of God moved on in Boswell during the convention in a new way. Much credit is due the Boswell church for their graciousness and hospitality together with the sweet spirit which prevailed. Truly it was "good' to be there.—Sister H. G. Hamilton, Manchester, N. H.

Sunday School Lesson

LESSON 3 **JULY 15**

GOD CARES FOR ELIJAH

TEXT: 1 Kings 17:1-7; 19:1-8.—MEMORY VERSE: Matt. 6:32, 33.

TIME: During the reign of Ahab, who ruled about 874-853 B. C.

PLACE: Various places in Palestine, including the desert south of Beersheba.

GOLDEN TEXT: For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.—Matt. 6:32.

LEADING THOUGHT: God has always cared for those who fully trusted Him.

LESSON VERSE BY VERSE

ELIJAH THE PROPHET

V. 1."And Elijah the Tishbite." The name means "My God is Jehovah," also called Tishbite perhaps because he was born in the town of Tishbeh in Galilee. "Who was of the inhabitants of Gilgal." Gilgal was a rough, mountainous forest region east of the Jordan where perhaps Elijah had moved from Galilee. His life in after years as a prophet was spent in like manner as it perhaps had been in the rugged mountains of Gilead. "And said unto Ahab." He appeared suddenly on the scene without introduction as suddenly as he disappeared at the end of his career. Of his family and livelihood we know nothing, but that his faith merited special provision and food from heaven is recorded in Holy Writ. "As the Lord God of Israel liveth." These are the first words of Elijah's message and the first time such language is recorded in its full meaning. He asserts that Jehovah and not Baal is the God of the Israelites. "Before whom I stand." He regarded himself as standing before the throne of God as the slaves of the east stood before their masters, see 1 Kings 1:28; 1 Sam. 3:1; Luke 1:19. "There shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word." His word must be regarded as Jehovah's word. The dew was most necessary to vegetable life. He announces as in effect the plague of famine as a punishment for idolatry mentioned in Deut. 11:16, 17; 28:23; Lev. 26:19. He came forward as the vindicator to restore the law of Jehovah. Such a prophecy was a direct challenge to Baal who was supposed to be the God of the natural world and was supposed to have had charge of rain. Thus he proves to Israel thru the three years of famine without rain that such a god does not exist and later secures rain in answer to prayer from the God of Israel.

V. 2. "And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying." The manner in which his word was received we are not told. He simply begins his ministry by issuing the prediction of awful famine.

V. 3. "Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward." Perhaps returning to the land from whence he came. "And hide thyself by the brook Cherith." His conversation with Ahab possibly took place in Samaria. He returns to the brook Cherith which means "cut" or "gorged." Perhaps a flowing mountain stream east of the Jordan before one would enter Palestine.

JEHOVAH'S CARE FOR ELIJAH

V. 4.—"And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook." The supply of water was not miraculous as it later dried up. "And I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there." The word "ravens" is translated from the Hebrew word "orebim" meaning "orbaites" or inhabitants of Orbo. Ravens of the air perhaps inhabitated this land but according to Deut. 14:14 they were unclean and therefore unsuitable to supply food. Some interpreters believe that the orebim referred to the "dwellers in steppes" or Arabs who furnished the prophet his supply of food.

V. 5. "So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord." The prophet though from an obscure and rugged life yields himself unto perfect obedience of the commands of Jehovah. "For he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan." He might have preferred other places which he might have known, he nevertheless goes as bidden of the Lord.

V. 6. "And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening." It is believed by some authors as stated under verse 4, that the ravens were not birds but men, yet other interpreters think that they were fowls of the air. "And he drank of the brook." As the brook was dependent on nature for its supply and was therefore without worry, even so Elijah drank of the brook and trusted his God.

V. 7. "And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land." Perhaps Elijah spent two years out of the three and one-half by the brook. After the brook had failed Elijah God was his constant supply and guide.

I Kings 19:1-8

THE THREAT OF JEZEBEL

"And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done." That is, concerning the offering of sacrifices on Mt. Carmel, the slaying of the prophets of Baal, and of the expected rain according to the word of Elijah "And withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword." That is, the prophets of Baal 450 and the prophets of the grove 400.

V. 2.—"Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah." Possibly insisting that he come to her. "Saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also." She perhaps speaks in reference to the divinities of Phoenicia as she would hardly sware by the God of Elijah and of Israel. "If I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time." She no doubt actually intended to kill Elijah or possibly she only intended to scare him from the community, that Ahab and Israel might be free from his influence.

V. 3. "And when he saw that." That is, saw how matters stood, her anger, etc., and that his fight against idolatry was not entirely won. "He arose, and went for his life." Possibly worn by his task at Carmel and fasting and prayer, he decided to flee hurriedly. He suffered at least a temporary relapse of faith. "And came to Beer-sheba." The well of the oath located in extreme southern Palestine about ninety-five miles from Jezreel, about a two days' journey. No doubt he fled there to commit his soul in keeping unto God. "Which belongeth to Judah." The wilderness and desert south of Beer-sheba belonged to Simeon which was perhaps at this time associated with Judah. "And left his servant there." Some contend that the servant was the son of the widow of Zarephath and that he was left in Beer-sheba.

V. 4. "But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness." He was possibly headed for Horeb the mount of God. "And came and sat down under a juniper tree." "A plant known to the Arabs as 'retem' or the broom," the most longed for and most welcome bush of the desert, abundant in beds of streams and valleys where spots for camping are selected, where men sit down and sleep in order to be protected against wind and sun." They were abundant in the deserts. "And he requested for himself that he might die." He does not commit suicide, he is the prophet of the Lord. "And said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers." Many of us think our work is finished long before it is, and long to go home. The prophet thinks of all the forefathers who have passed on and requests that he may join them.

V. 5. "And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree." Sleep always brings rest to the weary soul. "Behold, then an angel touched him." Not the angel of death as he desired but the messenger of the Lord. "And said unto him, Arise and eat." He had possibly eaten little or nothing since leaving Jezreel. He was in need of physical nourishment as well as spiritual nourishment and God who watches over and provides for the spiritual has also provided for the physical.

V. 6. "And he looked, and behold." Surprised at the meal provided from an unseen source. "There was a cake baken on the coals." That kind of cake as

baked by the nomadic desert tribes, baked in a rude oven constructed in sand or soil. "And a cruse of water at his head." Possibly the savour of the meal passed toward him. "And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again." His former sleep and the food did not properly rest the overwrought prophet.

V. 7. "And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him." God will see to it that we will not sleep too long if we will but hear his voice, and He will send His messengers again and again to minister unto us. "And said, Arise and eat." Possibly he had eaten little the first time. "Because the journey is too great for thee." The distance from Beer-sheba to Horeb was about two hundred miles.

V. 8. "And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God." Horeb is called the mount of God because the Lord there revealed the Law to Moses and renewed the Abrahamic covenant with the Israelitish people. The prophet wandered forty days and nights in the wilderness where Moses had spent forty years with the children of Israel where they were sustained with angels' food, Psa. 78:25. Both Moses and Elijah were precursors of the Lord Jesus in a forty days and nights' fast.

REQUESTS

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gry for greater victory.—Your brother in Christ, Luther Connell, Risco, Mo.

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I have a special request sent to me by a girl who is in trouble. Pray that God will grant her request. Pray that the Lord will save our children.—Mrs. S. B. Merritt, Ferndale, Fla.

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I am asking the saints everywhere to pray that God will send some good holiness preacher to help run a revival. We need help here to fight the devil.—Your sister in Christ, Nettie Daniels (col.), Rt. 1, Bx. 83, Europa, Miss.

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Pray for us here. We haven't had a revival for some time but there seems to be a revival spirit near. People who haven't been to meeting lately are coming out. Some are in the altar. Pray that God will send us a real revival and many souls will be saved. We have a real God-sent pastor, Brother M. J. Headley.—A sister, Ada O'Neal, Hattiesburg, Miss., Rt. 4.

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I am in bad health, have heart and stomach trouble. I have the Holy Ghost and believe in prayer and want special prayer for my health and also that God will bless me with stronger faith and power. I am a member of the Church of God, have had the Holy Ghost about a month. I have been down sick three weeks of the time and have had a poor chance to get built up. Please don't forget to pray for me to get stronger in faith and regain my health.—Your sister in Christ, S. E. Belcher, Rt. 1, Nettleton, Ark.

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I thank the Lord for healing me of some kind of indigestion Sunday night. Pray for me to be completely healed as I have had this same trouble now and again for almost five years. I trust the Lord for my healing. Pray for me to grow stronger in the Lord, also for my little boy who has bronchitis.—A sister in Jesus, Mrs. J. R. Mullinax, Blacksburg, S. C.

DEATH NOTICES

COULTER

James Edward Coulter, little nine-year-old son of J. H. Coulter and wife, died June 12, 1934. He was sick only two days, but he prayed until the last.—By A. J Grammer and wife, Sumiton, Ala.

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EVANS

Little Ovell Evans, daughter of Brother and Sister Evans of Docena, Ala., went to be with Jesus June 4, 1934. Dear father and mother, let us get ready to spend our vacation in heaven with Jesus and little Ovell.—One who loved her, Aunt Lucy, Boulder, Colo.

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HARPER

The little son of Brother and Sister Marion Harper was born Oct. 31, 1933 and lived to the age of seven months and one day. Funeral services were held by Brother J. A. Hipps, pastor of The Church of God at Cairo, Ga.

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STUCKER

Willie Ray Stucker was born Sept. 18, 1919 and died Dec. 3, 1933. He was a member of the Church of God and trusted the Lord to the end. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Willis. Interment was made in the Forrester cemetery, Brownfield, Tex. —E. W. Willis.

HENRY

Mrs. I. N. Henry departed this life May 4, 1934 at the age of 85 years. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Davis at the Church of God at South Lindale. —Her daughter, Nevie Henry, Lindale, Ga.

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FROUSHAM

Bertha Mae Frousham, little daughter of Brother and Sister Campbell Frousham died May 12, 1934. She was two years and six months old. Brothers Magee and Edwards conducted the funeral at Double Springs, Miss.—Mrs. G. W. Hudspeth, Longview, Miss.

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BROWN

Gracie (Knight) Brown was born June 23, 1914 and died June 7, 1934, age nineteen years. She had the Holy Ghost and was a member of the Church of God at Lone Elm, Texas. The funeral was conducted by Brothers N. N. Brides, O. Davis, and the writer. Interment was made in Allens Chapel cemetery. — May Davis, Dodd City, Tex.

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PAYNE

Sister J. M. Payne died June 11, 1934, having been a loyal member of the Church of God for nearly two years. Brothers Robert Bell and J. A. Tarpley conducted the funeral and interment was made in Hopewell cemetery.—Ella Jenkins, Culberson, N. C.

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THOMPSON

Sister Bessie Thompson, wife of Mr. George Thompson, was born March 27, 1900 and died June 17, 1934, at the age of thirty-four years, two months, and twenty days. She was a faithful member of the Church of God. Funeral was conducted by the writer and interment made in Chanucy cemetery.—Her pastor, Jesse Lavender, Switzer, W. Va.

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STATE MEETINGS

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MONTANA STATE CAMP MEETING
Big Timber, Mont., July 8-13
MONTANA STATE CONVENTION
Big Timber, Mont., July 13-15
Robert R. Seyda, Overseer

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NORTH FLORIDA CAMP MEETING
Lake City, Fla., July 19-29
E. W. Williams, Overseer

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S. C. CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION
Greenville, S. C., July 18-29
H. L. Whittington, Overseer

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SOUTH LOUISIANA CAMP MEETING
Shepherd's Fold, La., July 6-15
J. B. Cole, Overseer

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WYOMING STATE CONVENTION
Sheridan, Wyo., July 18-22
S. M. Pearson, Overseer

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ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION
Pratt City, Ala., July 19-22
W. W. Harmon, Overseer

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OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING
Maud, Okla., July 27
OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION
Maud, Okla., Aug. 3-5
S. J. Wood, Overseer

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ARKANSAS STATE CONVENTION
Forrest City, Ark., Aug. 31-Sept. 2
L. G. Rouse, Overseer

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ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION
(Colored)
September 6-9, 1934
W. L. Ford, State Overseer, Colored Work

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HAITI CONVENTION
Mission Tabernacle, Port Au Prince, Haiti, Sept. 4-7
J. Vital Herne, Overseer

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TEXAS STATE CAMP MEETING
Aug. 2-9, Weatherford, Tex.

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TEXAS STATE CONVENTION
Aug. 10-12, Weatherford, Tex.

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NORTHERN STATES CONVENTION—(Colored)
Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 20-26
G. Byrd, Overseer

SUFFERING FOR CHRIST

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Sometimes it seemed to me God allowed the furnace to be heated seven times hotter, but He took me thru and there wasn't a hair of my head singed, bless His sweet name. How I love Him.

Did I attend church regularly? Yes, indeed, all except one night, and took the children to Sunday School every Sunday. I was determined to obey Heb. 10:25, telling me not to forget the assembling, etc., for it was only by obeying I could receive the precious Holy Ghost. I would go to church with a cursing, be wakened in the night with a cursing, get up with a cursing, in fact he cursed all the time when he was at home. Sometimes I would cry at church, was almost afraid to go home, but he never knew I was afraid of him at times. I was so glad when he would be at work and did dread to see him come home. At times I would speak to him about his soul's salvation and he would reply, "The Bible says believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be baptized and thou shalt be saved." So he joined the Christian Church and was baptized, but his life at home was the same. He attended church every Sunday for he must be there to take sacrament. I would go to our church and request prayer for him and plead with God not to cut him off for eating and drinking unworthily. And to think I would not go to the Christian Church with him was terrible. I would still go to that church he hated so. It must be stopped, and stopped now. He was at his wit's end What should he do? It must be stopped, but how? was the question.

(To be continued)

OVERTON, TEX., DISTRICT CONVENTION

Our district convention convened at Overton, Tex., May 18-20. God blessed in a wonderful way. Our state overseer, Brother Coats, had charge of the program. The welcome address was delivered by our pastor, Brother O. L. Crow. Responses were given by Sister Coats and Sister Johnson. I am sure every one was feeling welcome by this time. We could feel His divine presence and love and sweet fellowship which existed. After special songs by the Burnett Sisters Brother E. L. Bridges brought the message.

Saturday morning service opened with songs and prayer. The Lord blessed and the saints rejoiced in a good, old-time praise service. The message was delivered by Brother Pennington. Saturday evening was devoted to a Bible study conducted by Brother E. L. Bridges. After special songs and music an evangelistic sermon was delivered by Sister Ora Mae Ruff. An altar service followed.

Sunday morning we met at ten a. m. A Sunday School talk was given by Brother Bridges. Brother Coats delivered a wonderful message .God blessed him as he gave out the Word. We were dismissed for dinner. The saints brought well-filled baskets and every one enjoyed a good dinner on the ground. Sunday evening the Holy Ghost took charge and the saints rejoiced in the song service. A discourse was given on the Bible School by Sister Ora Mae Ruff. Sister Coats gave a talk on Missions. An offering for missions was taken. A talk on the Evangel was given by Sister Annie Ivey. We had the reports of the churches. The reports were good and the churches encouraged to move forward. Brother Coats preached an evangelistic sermon Sunday night and a good altar service followed. Three young men prayed thru to victory. This was the first convention we have ever had in this district. The Lord was with us in a wonderful way. It closed with handshakes and good-byes.—Mrs. E. E. Sander.

REQUEST

Dear workers of God: I humbly ask the saints of God to pray for my sister-in-law of Cozohome, Ark., who is dying with cancer. The doctor gave her up after a serious operation and a number of treatments. I know God will heal her for it is His will to heal His children.

God healed me of discharged ears caused by scarlet fever. My ears discharged thirty-one years and on Dec. 10, 1933 the Lord healed me completely. Praise His name forever and forever. I have trusted God for my healing ever since. I was baptized with the Holy Ghost in 1933. Please pray for me that I will be of service to Him.—Your brother, W. T. Truett.

CLIFFVIEW, VA., DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Cliffview district convention of the Church of God convened May 11-13. The Lord blessed throughout the convention. Many were present. Our state overseer and a number of other preachers were there also. A number of churches were represented with their string bands which was very enjoyable to all. Friday night of the convention one was sanctified. Saturday night one was saved and one filled with the Holy Ghost. It seemed that every saint of God was blessed during this convention. We had dinner on the ground Sunday and every one was invited to eat with us. Please pray for the church at Cliffview.—John H. McCrow, district pastor.

TRINITY, TEX., DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Trinity, Texas, Church of God convention convened at Trinity, Tex., May 11-13. It brought joy to my soul and I believe to all the saints. The convention opened with prayer by our state overseer, Brother J. C. Coats, and we were glad for the hearty welcome by our pastor, Brother L. C. Pennington. Sister Ora Mae Ruff delivered a wonderful and inspiring sermon.

Saturday morning service opened with songs and prayer. Brother Coats preached a sermon. This was a wonderful Bible lesson and many points were brought to light. Saturday night Brother Bolton delivered a soul inspiring sermon. Both saint and sinner were touched by this sermon and the power of God reigned from on high. Six fell at the altar. This was a wonderful service.

Sunday morning service opened with songs and prayer. Sister Ora Mae Ruff gave a talk on the Y. P. E., also the Bible School. These talks were wonderful and educational. Truly, this is the time when young people should strive to prepare themselves for the cause of our Lord. Brother James of Orange, Tex., preached a wonderful sermon. Then came time for dinner which was enjoyed. After noon we met and after songs and prayer Brother Coats delivered a wonderful sermon. This was a great message to the saints, to every one. Sister Evelyn Land made a talk on Sunday School, Sister Minnie French made a talk on foregn missions and Sister Ouida Land made a talk on the Church of God Evangel. All of these talks were wonderful and it made each one realize what they could do to help The Church of God rise and shine. Then Sister Coats stirred up the people on a talk about the orphans. We opened evening service with songs and prayer after which our pastor, Brother Pennington, brought forth a wonderful message. The service was closed with prayer. We can truly say the convention was a success and every one had a good time in the Lord. The Lord did bless us.—Mrs. H. J. French, clerk.

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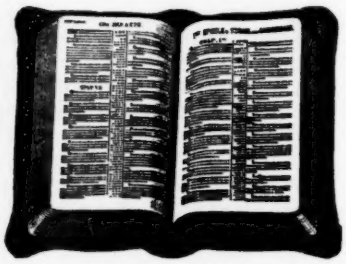

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Christ is tempted. He beginneth to preach. ST. MATTHEW, 4, 5.

13 ¶ Then cometh Jē'sus [r]from Găl'i-lee to Jŏr'dăn unto Jōhn to be baptized of him.
14 But Jōhn forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?
15 And Jē'sus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to [s]fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.
16 And [t]Jē'sus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw [u]the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:
17 And [v]lo a voice from heaven, saying, [w]This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

A. D. 26.
CHAP. 3.
r ch. 2. 22.
s Dan. 9. 24.
t Mark 1. 10.
u Isa. 11. 2. Luke 3. 22. John 1. 32.
v John 12. 28.
w Ps. 2. 7. Isa. 42. 1. Luke 9. 35. Col. 1. 13.
CHAP. 4.

13 And leaving Năz'a-rĕth, he came and dwelt in Cā-pēr'na-ŭm, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zăb'u-lon and Nĕph'tha-lĭm:
14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Ē-sā'jas the prophet, saying,
15 The [x]land of Zăb'u-lon, and the land of Nĕph'tha-lĭm, *by* the way of the sea, beyond Jŏr'dăn, Găl'i-lee of the Gĕn'tiles;
16 The [y]people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.
17 ¶ From [z]that time Jē'sus began to preach, and to say, [a]Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
18 ¶ And [b]Jē'sus, walking by the

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